



Early Childhood Education Scholarships

ECACE

If you work or have worked in early childhood education and you're seeking additional credentials and/or a degree in early childhood education, you may be eligible for the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program. The program was created to address the shortage of qualified early childhood educators by encouraging the pursuit of credentials and advancement of already-held degrees in early childhood education, with an aim toward building a strong, well-prepared workforce. I strongly recommend you consider applying for this opportunity! Visit <https://www.isac.org/ECACEscholarship> to learn more.



Teacher Preparation Scholarships

The Gateways Scholarship Program pays a portion of tuition for eligible professionals who want to earn college credit, credentials, or degrees in early childhood education. Information is available at <https://www.ilgateways.com/index.php/financial-opportunities/scholarship>

Applications for the Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship will open in January 2025 for the 2025–26 academic year. Chicago residents can subscribe to receive email updates at <https://www.cps.edu/ChicagoEarlyLearning/workforce-scholarship/>

Grow Your Own Teachers supports individuals who are committed to classroom teaching in or near their home communities. They offer a full range of tools to teacher candidates, including financial and academic assistance, social-emotional support, and culturally sustaining instructional strategies, so they can graduate with a teaching license. Learn more at <https://growyourownteachers.org>

Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship is for minority and qualified bilingual students who are Illinois residents. Check the MTI Eligibility Requirements to see the definition of minority and qualified bilingual students.

These are a just few examples of scholarships of interest to students in the College of Education. Financial Aid can also provide more information about Scholarship Opportunities available to NEIU students.

Higher Ed Navigators

Have you thought about going back to school to earn a credential, associate's degree, and/or bachelor's degree, but you're not sure where to start or how to get support? Join the hundreds of workforce members who have enrolled at Illinois colleges and universities through the ECACE Initiative!

Visit <https://www.ecace.org/Higher-Education-Navigators> to connect with a local ECACE Higher Education Navigator, who can help you find and enroll in the right degree or credential program to meet your needs and provide more information about scholarships and other available supports.

All ISAC Scholarships

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) administers scholarship and grant programs that can provide financial assistance to help students pay for college. Students can learn more about the financial aid process and available programs at isac.org. Help and information are also available from ISAC's Call Center. Students can reach a Call Center Representative via e-mail at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov or by telephone at 800.899.ISAC (4722).

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